

2014 VIRTUAL GENEALOGY FAIR

Great Granny Eunice came from Ireland, Grandpa Fred was in the War, Can Access to Archival Databases (AAD) Help Me? John LeGloahec

Access to Archival Databases (AAD) has helpful information for genealogists because it contains 60 different series with more than 100 million records. AAD allows researchers to access electronic data files from anywhere around the world. John will highlight records of interest to genealogists, including Immigration and Passenger Lists records and the WWII Army Enlistment files. He will also provide an introduction to navigating AAD, and how to search the records using both free-text, fielded, and code list searches.



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Great Granny Eunice and Grandpa Fred in AAD

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What do people want?

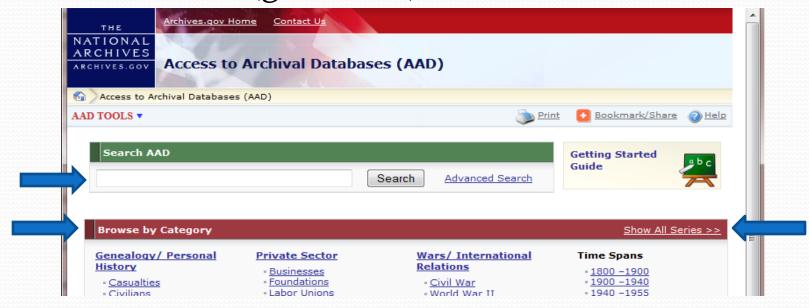
- "My grandmother came over from Ireland in the 19th Century – do you know what ship she was on?
- "I'm trying to find more information about what my grandfather did in World War II"
- My uncle was killed in Vietnam do you know anything more about what happened?
- I received a Silver Star in Korea, but lost it can you help?

What do we have?

- "Born Digital" records of the Federal Government
- Nearly 30,000 descriptions of "data files" in NARA's Online Catalog
- Millions of individual "Logical Data Records" (LDRs)
- More than 100 million records available through AAD
- Hundreds of linear feet of textual documentation to support the records

How to Use AAD

- Access AAD homepage http://aad.archives.gov/aad/
- Free-text search (green box)



Browse by Category (red box)

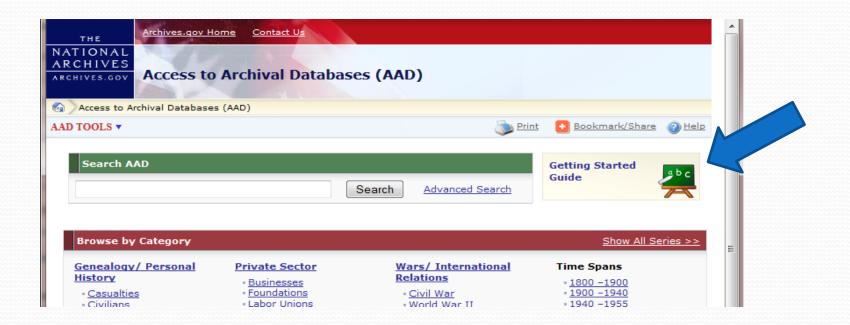
How to Use AAD

What's New / Highlights /Most Popular (purple)



How to Use AAD

"Getting Started" Guide



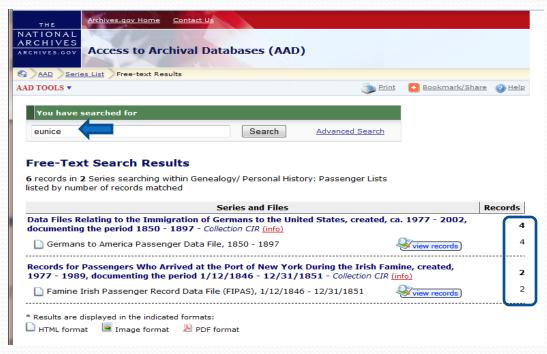
More than 6 million passenger records are available on

AAD for immigrants arriving in the US between 1834 and 1900

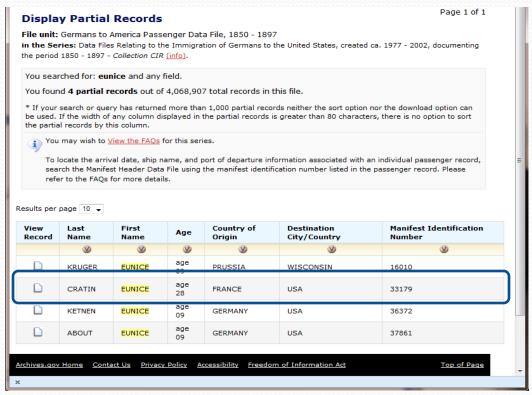
- Russians, 1834-1897
- Irish Famine, 1846-1851
- Germans, 1850-1897
- Italians, 1855-1900
- The Balch Institute
 - http://hsp.org/about-us/the-balch-institute



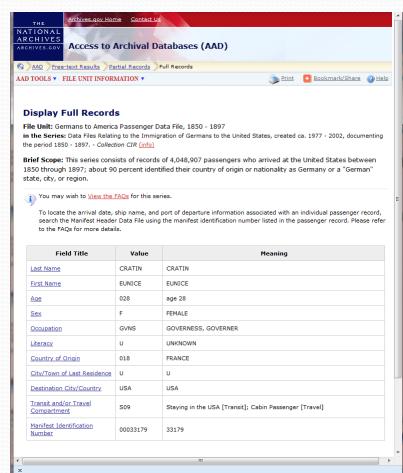
- "Eunice" returns 6 records:
 - 4 in Germans to America
 - 2 in Irish Famine
- But Granny Eunice wasn't German or Irish



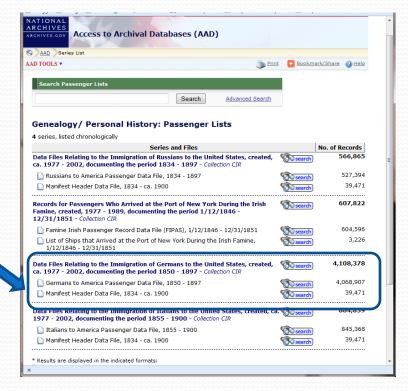
- Eunice Cratin was from France
 - She was 28
 - Bound for the United States
 - Aboard the 33179?

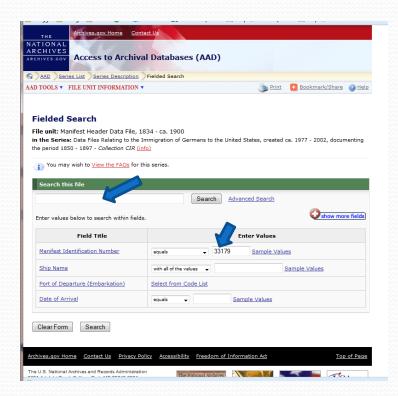


- A 28-year old Governess
- Unclear if she could read
- She was from an "undisclosed location" in France
- Heading for the US to stay

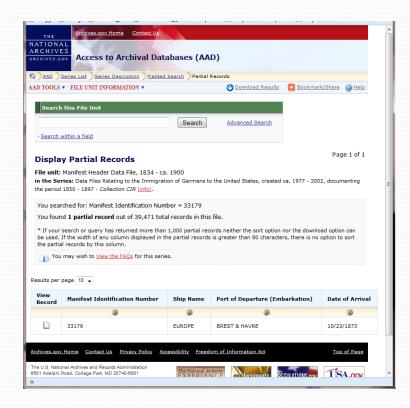


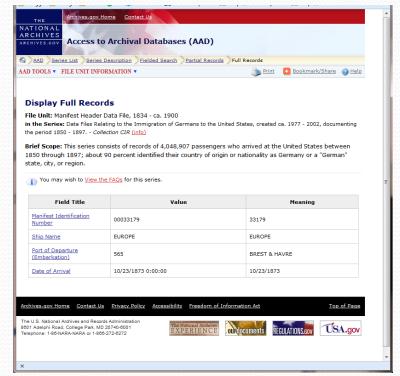
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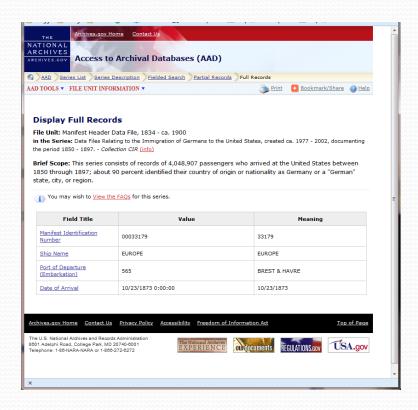


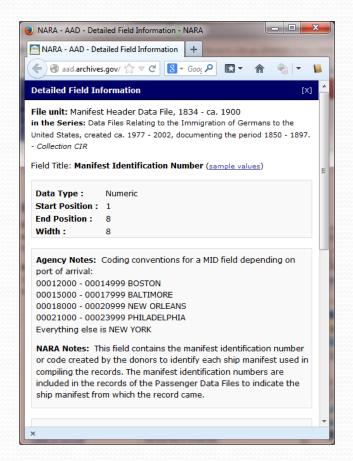
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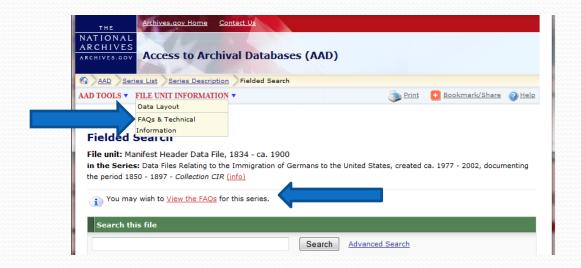


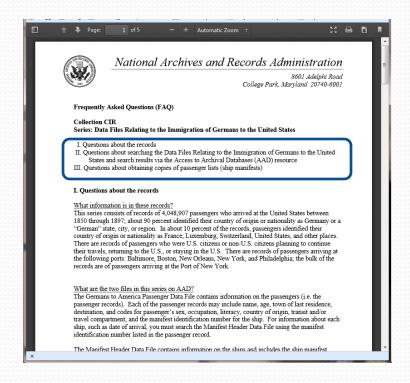
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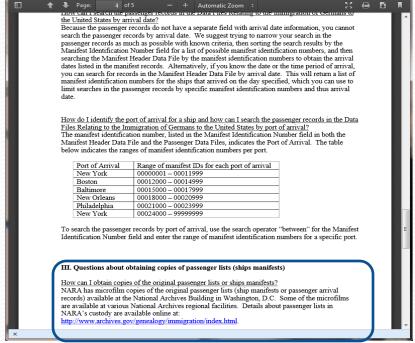




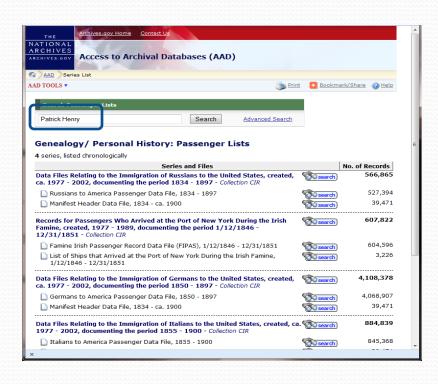
- Where did Great Granny Eunice land?
- Consult the FAQs







Patrick Henry

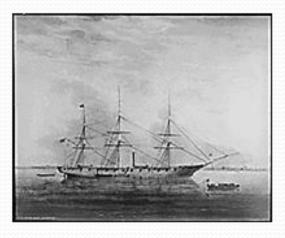




Patrick Henry Greenway



Patrick Henry Greenway
was born at sea, on the
Patrick Henry in October
1850



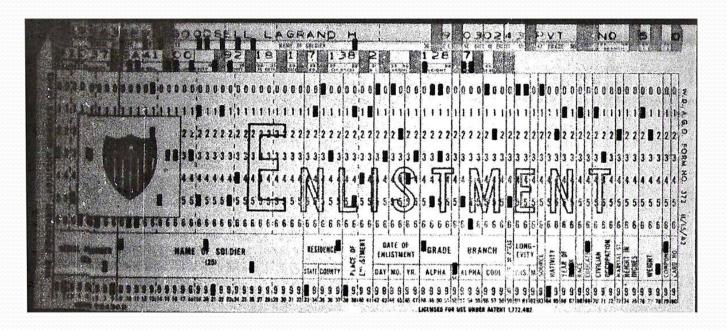
Field Title	Value	Meaning	
LAST NAME	GREENWAY	GREENWAY	
BLANK1 [FAMILY RELATION]			
FIRST NAME	PATRICK-HENRY	PATRICK-HENRY	
FAMILY RELATION CODE (NOT USED)			
AGE	900	Born at Sea	
BLANK2			
SEX CODE	М	Male	
BLANK3			
OCCUPATION CODE	INF	Infant	
LITERACY CODE			
NATIVE COUNTRY CODE	3	Ireland	
BLANK4			
TOWN OF LAST RESIDENCE	BORN-AT-SEA	BORN-AT-SEA	
DESTINATION	USA	USA	
TRANSIT CODE			
TRAVEL COMPARTMENT CODE			
BLANK5			
PASSENGER PORT OF EMBARKATION CODE	4	LIVERPOOL	
BLANK6			
MANIFEST IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	4970	PATRICK HENRY 004 11-06-1850 290	
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 The Electronic Army Serial Number Merged File is the most frequently accessed series on AAD.

 Used frequently by NPRC to verify service in WWII



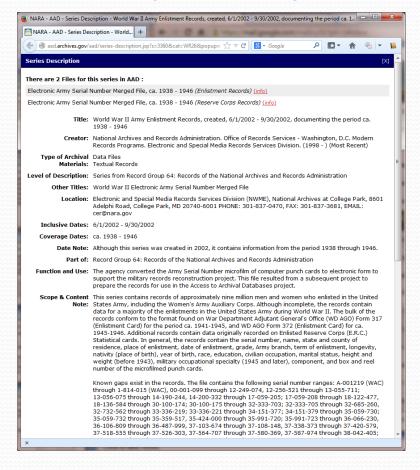
• ASNF contains more than 9 million records of men and women who enlisted in the US Army between 1938 and 1946. It does not contain records of Army officers.



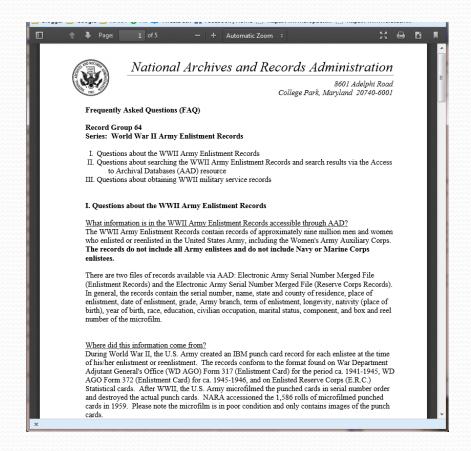
- The punch cards were later microfilmed and then the information contained on the punch card / microfilm was recreated digitally to create the ASNF.
- Some of the information was not correctly captured and as a result some information is missing or incorrect.

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 The series descriptions contain information on the creation of the records.



 All of the series on AAD contain data layouts, Technical Information and FAQs.



Records may be downloaded from AAD if under 1000

AAD TOOLS V FILE UNIT INFORMATION

records

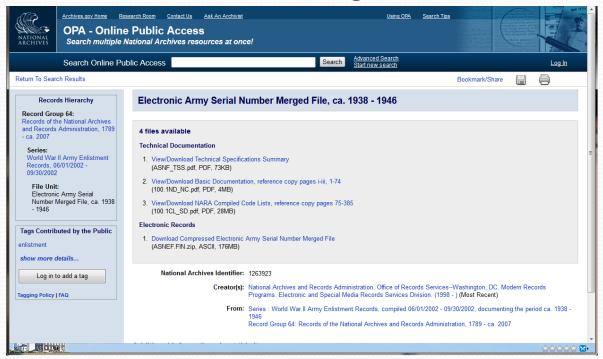
Click on the "Download Results' button

 You can also access the code lists

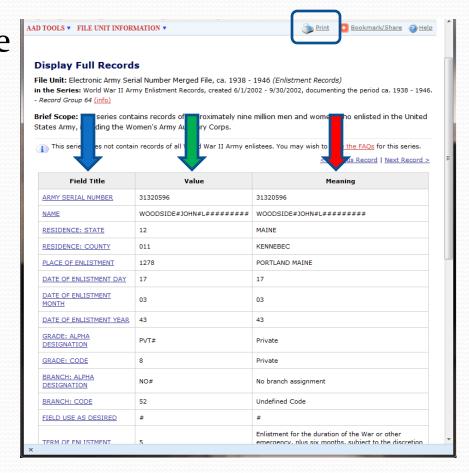


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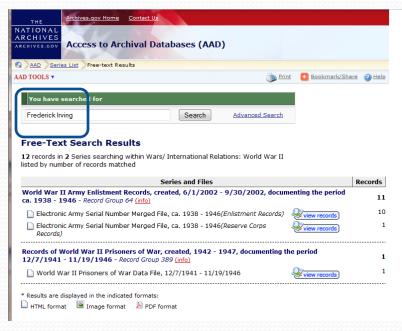
 The entire Serial Number file may be downloaded from the NARA Online Catalog



- What information can be found in the enlistment record?
- These records can be printed out



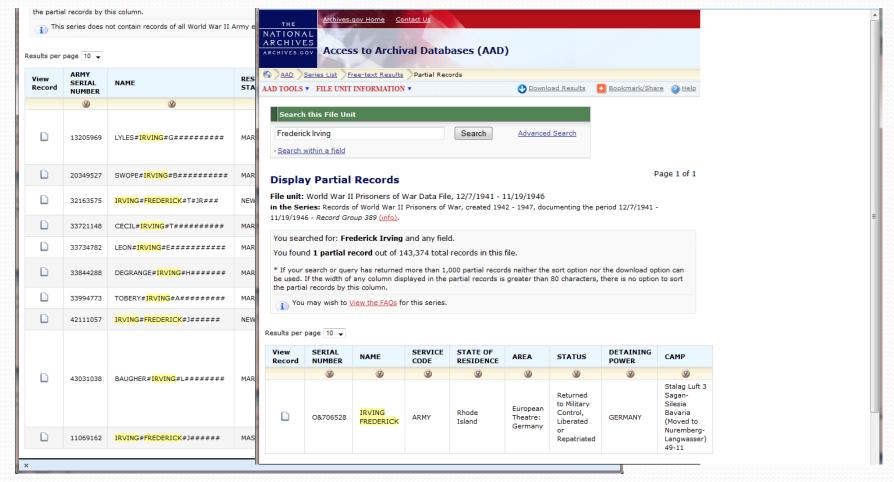
Grandpa Fred in World War II





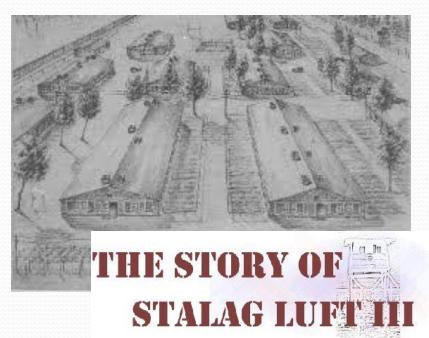
Eleven records in ASNF / one in WWII POWs





 Stalag Luft III was the camp from which many servicemen escaped in 1944 – later depicted in the

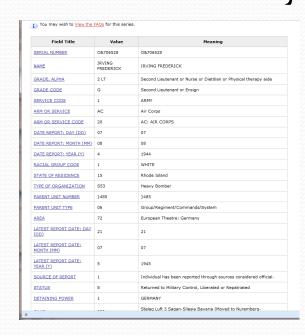
film, "The Great Escape"



Field Title	Value	Meaning	
SERIAL NUMBER	O&706528	O&706528	
NAME	IRVING FREDERICK	CK IRVING FREDERICK	
GRADE, ALPHA	2 LT	Second Lieutenant or Nurse or Dietitian or Physical therapy aide	
GRADE CODE	G	Second Lieutenant or Ensign	
SERVICE CODE	1	ARMY	
ARM OR SERVICE	AC	Air Corps	
ARM OR SERVICE CODE	20	AC: AIR CORPS	
DATE REPORT: DAY (DD)	(DD) 07 07		
DATE REPORT: MONTH (MM)	08	08	
DATE REPORT: YEAR (Y)	4	1944	
RACIAL GROUP CODE	1	WHITE	
STATE OF RESIDENCE	15	Rhode Island	
TYPE OF ORGANIZATION	S53	Heavy Bomber	
PARENT UNIT NUMBER	}485	}485	
PARENT UNIT TYPE	06	Group/Regiment/Commands/System	
AREA	72	European Theatre: Germany	
LATEST REPORT DATE: DAY (DD)	21	21	
LATEST REPORT DATE: MONTH (MM)			
LATEST REPORT DATE: YEAR (Y)	5	1945	
SOURCE OF REPORT	1	Individual has been reported through sources considered official.	
STATUS	8	Returned to Military Control, Liberated or Repatriated	
DETAINING POWER	1	GERMANY	

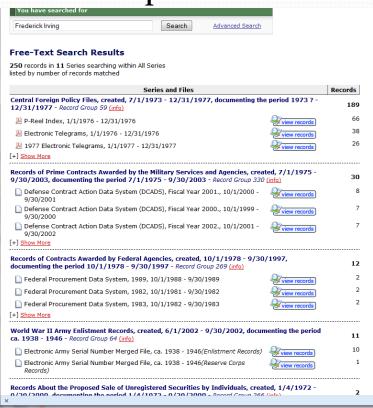
Grandpa Fred / Frederick Irving

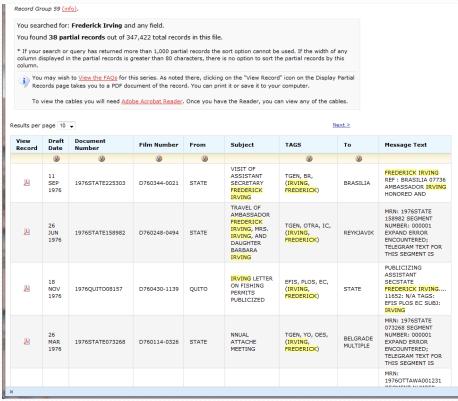
 "Grandpa Fred" is actually Frederick Irving, former Ambassador to Iceland and Jamaica, and former Assistant Secretary of State.



Grandpa Fred / Frederick Irving

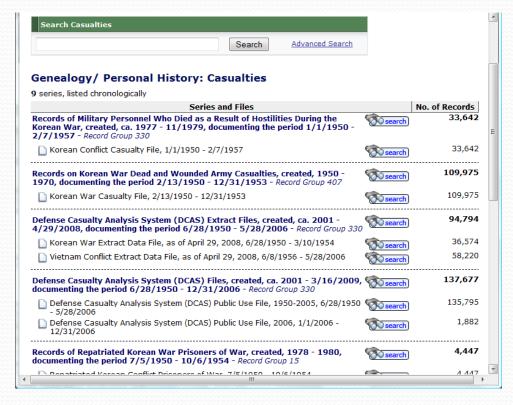
State Department Cables





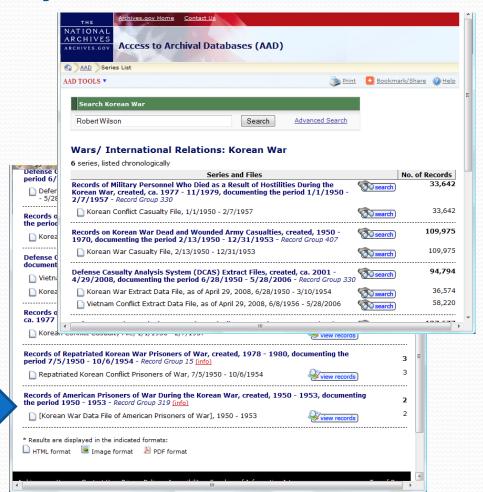
Casualty Records

- Several series of records pertaining to casualties
 - Defense Casualty Analysis System,
 1950-2006
 - Korean War
 - Vietnam War



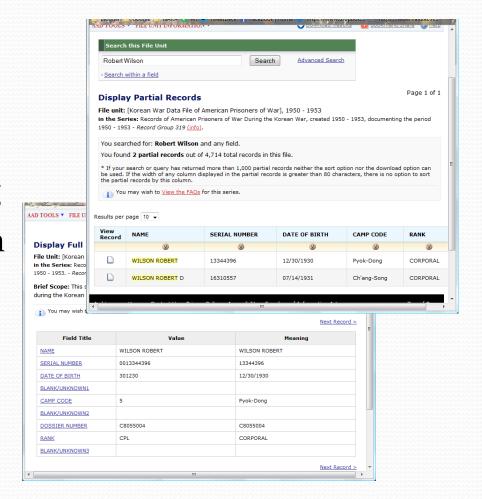
Casualty Records

- Searching for Robert
 Wilson, a Korean War
 Veteran
 - Records of American
 POWs During Korea



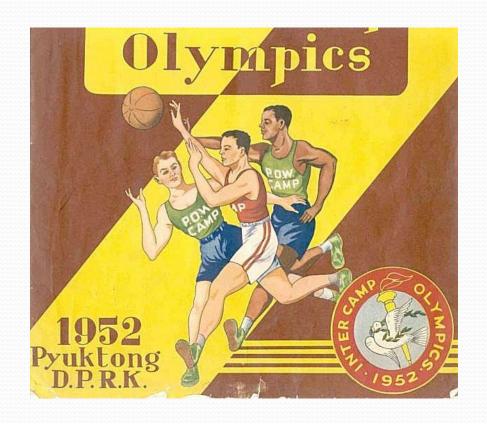
Casualty Records

- Robert Wilson, POW at Pyok-Dong camp
- Dossier number among the limited information in the record
- That "nugget" can lead in many directions



Casualty Records

- Robert Wilson, POW at Pyok-Dong camp
 - Participated in an "Intercamp Olympics"
 - Also participated in a British dominated soccer match



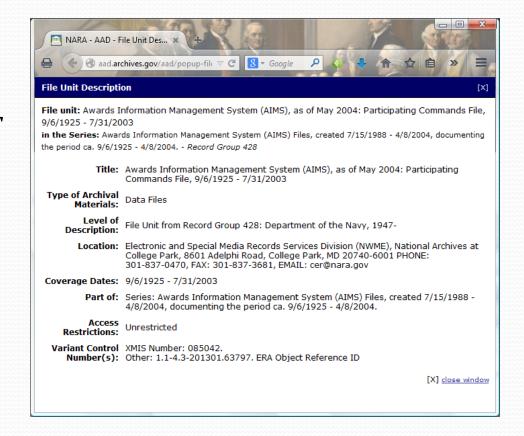
Casualty Records

- Robert Wilson
 - With service number, request OMPF from NPRC
 - In AAD, locate other POWs in the same camp
 - POW = casualty record –
 AAD contains more than
 4500 records of Army POWs
 returned to the US military

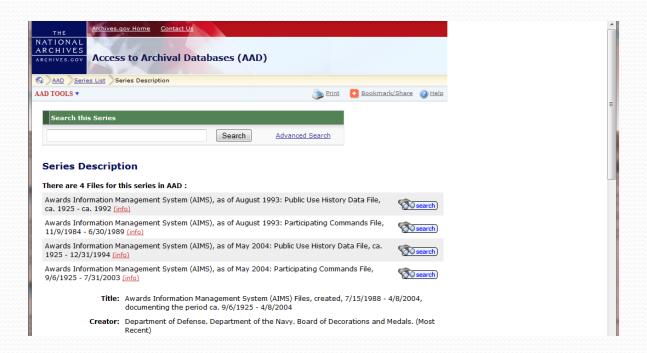


Awards Information Management System

- Millions of records of approved awards for Navy personnel
- Primarily from the Vietnam War era



 Two Participating Commands and Two Public Use History Data File snapshot



John Sidney McCain III

- Senator from Arizona
- Republican Presidential Nominee, 2008
- Vietnam War Veteran
- Prisoner of War, 1968-1973
- Multiple Awards including the Silver Star



John Sidney McCain

- Public Use History
 File 20 records
- Public Use History
 File 17 records
- Participating
 Commands File 2 records



- John McCain received numerous awards for his service in Vietnam
 - The Silver Star
 - The Legion of Merit
 - The Distinguished Flying Cross
 - The Bronze Star
 - Purple Heart
 - Meritorious Service Medal
 - The Air Medal
 - The Navy Commendation Medal
 - The Combat Action Ribbon
 - Prisoner of War Medal
 - Navy Expeditionary Medal
 - The National Defense Service Medal
 - The Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
 - The Vietnam Service Medal
 - The National Order of Vietnam
 - The Vietnam Campaign Medal

John Sidney McCain

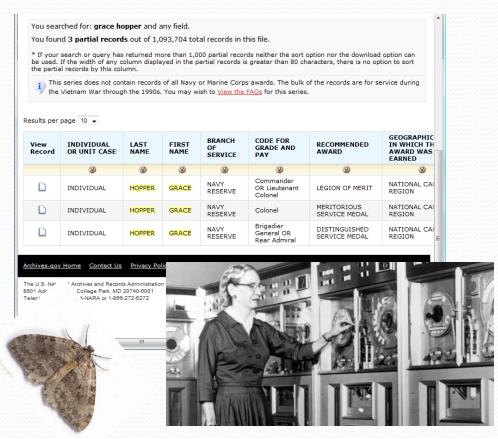
 Silver Star Award for Heroic Service in Vietnam

		Meaning
INDIVIDUAL OR UNIT CASE	I	INDIVIDUAL
INDICATES CASE TYPE		
WHETHER AWARD IS TO A FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL	N	NO
COUNTRY OF FOREIGN INDIVIDUAL		
PERIOD OF ACTION		
SECRETARY OF THE NAVY BOARD MEETING DATE		
DUPLICATE RECORD INDICATOR	00	00
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER	xxxxxxxxxxx	xxxxxxxxxx
LAST NAME	MCCAIN	MCCAIN
FIRST NAME	JOHN	JOHN
MIDDLE NAME	s	s
ENDING TO LAST NAME		
BRANCH OF SERVICE	USN	NAVY
OFFICER OR ENLISTED INDIVIDUAL	o	OFFICER
ABBREVIATION OF RANK		
CODE FOR GRADE AND PAY	05	Commander OR Lieutenant Colonel
CODES FOR OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL		
INDICATES MEMBERSHIP IN A SPECIFIC CORPS		
UNIT / COMMAND IDENTIFICATION CODE	05259	05259
RECOMMENDED AWARD	SS	SILVER STAR MEDAL
DUTY ASSIGNMENT		
TYPE OF ACTION COMMENDED BY THE ORIGINATOR	01	HEROIC

- Grace Hopper
 - Pioneer in the field of computer science
 - Inventor of the COBOL language
 - Popularized the term "debugging"
 - High ranking officer in the United States
 Navy
 - Served in the WAVES in World War II
 - Retired as Commander at age 60
 - Reinstated as Captain in 1973
 - Retired as Rear Admiral in 1986

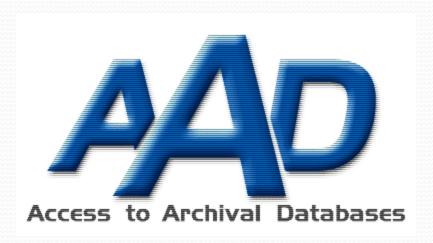


- Grace Hopper
 - Legion of Merit
 - Meritorious Service Medal
 - Distinguished Service
 Medal



Questions?

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